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SUBJ: VISIT TO ROC OF GAOSITE AUDITORS GANDRUD,
BEJUY AND BRYANT

1. GAO SITE SUPERVISORS DAVID L. GANDRUD AND JAMES D. BERRY, JR., SPENT MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 23 , POST WHILE PAUL 2. BRYANT, AUDIT MANAGER, WAS HERE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AS THIRD MEMBER OF TEAM.
2. THE ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF VISIT WAS TO REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT'S PRACTICE OF ASSIGNING LANGUAGE TRAINED PERSONNEL TO POSITIONS REQUIRING LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES AND CERTAIN DATA PERTAINING TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.
3. THE AUDIT TEAM SAID THAT THE DATA ON THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WAS NOT OBTAINED DURING THEIR VISIT AS THE DUE DATE FOR THEIR REPORT TO GAO WASHINGTON HAD ALREADY EXPIRED, AND BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY THEY HAD IN RESEARCHING THE SUBJECT.
4. THE AUDIT TEAM NOT ONLY RESEARCHED POST-DESIGNATED LANGUAGE POSITIONS AND INCUMBENTS BUT ALL PERSONNEL AT THE POST, THROUGH QUESTIONNAIRES AND THE POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM AS WELL.
5. ONE OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM SPENT JUST OVER ONE DAY AT THE FSI TAICHUNG LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

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6. IN DISCUSSIONS THEY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DISAGREE-

MENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT LANGUAGE PROGRAM, PHILOSOPHY AND FUNDING. ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT ELABORATE, THE AUDITORS DID SUGGEST THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE AIMED AT LANGUAGE MAINTANANCE AND FUNDING WAS INSUFFICIENT. THEY RAISED QUESTIONS ON SHARING OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES IN TAIPEI, AND WE REFERRED THEM TO WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT.

7. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT WAS ALSO TO INCLUDE RESEARCH INTO THE U.S. MILITARY LANGUAGE PROGRAMS, THE AUDITORS INDICATED THAT DUE TO THE DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING INFORMATION AS COMPLETE AS THEY WISHED, THEY SPENT A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF THEIR INSPECTION AT THE EMBASSY.

8. IN THEIR CLOSING DAY BRIEFING OF THE EMBASSY, THE AUDITORS WERE CRITICAL ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM, THE LACK OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENT OFFICERS IN ALL EIGHT POST-DESIGNATED LANGUAGE POSITIONS, AND THE FSI LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT TAICHUNG. POPPLE

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